

In the Claims:

Kindly rewrite the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) ~~Endpiece~~ An endpiece integrated into a core for a reel of material, ~~of the type the endpiece~~ comprising a cylindrical part engageable in ~~the~~ said core, and a collar that bears against ~~the~~ an adjacent face of the endpiece, ~~having and~~ a projecting overhanging appendage, the said projecting appendage (10e) being provided along its length with a guiding retention groove (10d) ~~able to act as a guide path, characterized in that it engages in combination~~ with a guide (11—12—15) formed on ~~the~~ a bracket (3) supporting the reel (6) of material adjacent to ~~the~~ a dispenser housing (1), and ~~in that the wherein~~ said guide (11—12—15) is on ~~the~~ an inside of the bracket (3) on ~~the~~ a side on which ~~it the guide~~ can accept the reel of material (6) and a drum (5) of the corresponding cutting device, and ~~in that wherein~~ the guide (11—12—15) has ~~special~~ slightly raised lands forming and defining a channel ~~able to accommodate the appendage (10e) of the endpiece for the passage and retention of the endpiece and is continued by a part that accommodates the endpiece after insertion of the appendage in the guide.~~

2. (Currently Amended) ~~Endpiece~~ The combination according to Claim 1, ~~characterized in that wherein~~ the guide (11) comprises a base (11a) which is continued on one side by a vertical leg (11b) defining a slot (11e) shaped as a channel for the passage and retention of the endpiece, and ~~in that~~, along ~~the~~ an outline of the leg (11b) and of the base (11a), ~~the a~~ central part of the guide (11g) has a slightly raised land whose width corresponds to ~~the a~~ width of the groove formed on the appendage of the endpiece.

3. (Currently Amended) ~~Endpiece~~ The combination according to Claim 2, ~~characterized in that the wherein~~ a configuration of the slot is of a bayonet design with a vertical part and a horizontal or appreciably inclined part (11d) in ~~the a~~ thickness of the base, and ~~in that the a~~ neck (11e) formed between the vertical leg and ~~the a~~ nose (11f) in ~~the an~~ upper part of the base (11a) allows the appendage (10e) of the endpiece to pass through.

4. (Currently Amended) ~~Endpiece~~ The combination according to Claim 3, ~~characterized in that the~~ wherein a lower part of the base has an oblique lip (11h), on ~~the an~~ outward side, while ~~the line a surface (11m) on the an~~ other side of the central part is horizontal.

5. (Currently Amended) ~~Endpiece~~ The combination according to Claim 2, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the guide (11) is made in a fixed manner, being shaped directly by being moulded with the bracket (3) ~~concerned~~.

6. (Currently Amended) ~~Endpiece~~ The combination according to Claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the guide (12) is made in the form of a swinging flap between two support blocks (13—14) projecting from and moulded with the brackets (3), and ~~in that the flap~~ guide (12) is in the form of a channel with a slot (12a) ~~in the a~~ thickness of the flap and, a projecting ~~form land~~ (12b) whose width is exactly equal to ~~the a~~ width of the groove formed in the appendage of the endpiece.

7. (Currently Amended) The combination ~~Endpiece~~ according to Claim 6, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the flap guide (12) ~~produced in this way~~ rotates about an axis (15) between the two support blocks (13—14), with a slight gap between it the flap and ~~the an~~ adjacent face of the bracket (3) in question, and ~~in that the front~~ visible faces (13a—13b) of the two blocks (13—14) ~~supporting the flap guide can~~ act as bearing faces for ~~the a~~ discoidal part of the endpiece.

8. (Currently Amended) ~~Endpiece~~ The combination according to Claim 7, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein in the an initial positioning phase, the flap is swung away, and its a bottom face of the flap (12d) contacts ~~the a~~ wall of the bracket (3), and ~~in that the~~ insertion of the appendage (10e) of the endpiece (10) into the flap guide (12) causes ~~its the~~ discoidal part to contact the front bearing faces (12a—14a) of the two blocks (13—14) positioned on either side of the flap guide and thus pivots the ~~said~~ flap to the vertical until the endpiece (10) has reached the bottom, and ~~in that the~~ connection and engagement produced between the flap guide, owing to the ~~rib formed by its inward land~~, and the groove in the appendage of the endpiece causes, by this engagement, the flap to pivot as the endpiece descends.

9. (Currently Amended) ~~Endpiece-~~The combination according to Claim 7, ~~characterized in that wherein~~ the lower part of the ~~flap~~-guide has an oblique lip, on the outward side ~~of a central part~~, while ~~the line-surface~~ on ~~the an~~ other side of the central part is horizontal.

10. (Currently Amended) ~~Endpiece-~~The combination according to Claim 1, ~~characterized in that wherein~~ the ~~means-guide~~ (15) is pivoted on ~~the an~~ inner bracket (3) supporting the reel of material adjacent to the dispenser housing, against two lugs (16—17)-fixed or moulded to the ~~said~~-bracket, these lugs having openings (16a—17a)-allowing ~~the~~ engagement of two pins (15a—15b)-formed and situated in opposition on the said ~~means-guide~~(15), and ~~in that~~ the ~~means-guide~~ (15) is U-shaped with an open zone (15e)-directed upwards for the insertion of the appendage (10e)-of the endpiece (10)-and its closed portion (15d)-is directed downwards, the ~~means-guide~~ (15)-being inclined at an angle, and the two pins (15a—15b)-being situated on ~~the~~ outer edges (15e—15f) of the ~~said meansguide~~, and ~~in that~~ the ~~means-guide~~ contains a slot (15g) in its central portion continuing from ~~the an~~ access opening (15e)-for the guided insertion of the endpiece (10)-by its appendage, and thus for ~~the~~ installation of the reel of material.

11. (Currently Amended) ~~Endpiece-~~The combination according to Claim 10, ~~characterized in that the wherein~~ inside faces (15h—15m) defining the slot (15g) constitute ~~the a~~ guide path for ~~the endpiece, particularly for~~ the appendage (10e)-and for its guiding and retention groove (10d), and ~~in that~~ the width of ~~the a~~ lower inside face (15h) is ~~such as to be~~ substantially less than ~~the a~~ dimension of the grove, and ~~in that the an~~ other, upper, inside face (15m) is narrower.

12. (Currently Amended) ~~Endpiece-~~The combination according to Claim 10, ~~characterized in that wherein~~ the pivoting of the ~~means-guide~~ (15)-relative to the bracket, during insertion of the appendage (10e)-of the endpiece, when the reel of material is being installed, occurs in opposition to ~~the~~ action of a tongue (15n)-which is connected to the ~~means-guide~~ (15) at ~~its a~~ fixed end of the guide and is capable of elastic deflection so as to make contact with ~~the an~~ adjacent inside face of the bracket (3).

13. (Currently Amended) ~~Endpiece~~ The combination according to Claim 10, ~~characterized in that the~~ said bracket (3) has a cutout (3a) to allow the passage of ~~the~~ an end of the ~~means (15)-guide in a stress-free situation, that is to say when there is no reel of material installed.~~

14. (Currently Amended) ~~Endpiece~~ The combination according to Claim 10, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the ~~means-guide (15)~~ means-guide (15) is ~~thus~~ constructed in its closed portion and on each side of the longitudinal slot with ~~two~~ opposite recesses (15p—15s), namely, an upper recess (15p), on ~~the~~ an outward side of the ~~means (15)-guide~~ means-guide (15) adjacent to the bracket, and a lower recess (15s), on ~~the~~ an inward side of the ~~means (15)-guide~~ means-guide (15) adjacent to the reel, and ~~in that~~ the recesses (15p—15s) are formed in such a way as to allow the reel and its associated ~~specific end piece-endpiece~~ to become oriented in an angular plane allowing escape from ~~the~~ a plane of retention of the ~~end piece-endpiece~~ appendage, and thus allow it ~~the~~ the end piece to escape with the ~~said~~ reel by sliding downwards.